



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

Bureau of Public Water Supply Operator Training and Certification Program Support Invitation for Bid (IFB) #3160004016

February 9, 2021

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is seeking to establish contracts with responsible Contractors to provide the necessary organization structure to facilitate the education services for the state's new and existing drinking water operators at various locations throughout the State. The Contractors will provide multifaceted training needs of both structured short course training and continuing education unit training. Four different training components make up the Operator Training and Certification Program. They are as follows: Weeklong Short Course with Exam; Asset Management Training for Certified Operators; Hands- On Operator Training; and CEU Statewide Day Trainings.

MSDH will contract with two contractors for a two-year contract period.

MSDH released the Invitation for Bids (IFB) on November 30, 2020. On January 4, 2021, MSDH opened bids submitted in response to the solicitation for all four categories of training from:

1. Mississippi Water & Pollution Control Operators Assn. (MWPCOA)
2. Mississippi Rural Water Association (MsRWA)

MSDH staff reviewed each submitted bid to ensure that each bid met the requirements to be deemed responsive as set for in the IFB. MWPCOA was deemed nonresponse in the category of Asset Management and has been notified separately of the reason therefor.

Responses were further evaluated according to the criteria stated in the solicitation. We announce our intent to award contracts to the following vendors in the following categories upon approval by the Public Procurement Review Board, if so required:

Contractor	Training Component
Mississippi Water & Pollution Control Operators Assn.	Hands-on Operator Training
	CEU Statewide Day Trainings

Contractor	Training Component
Mississippi Rural Water Association (MsRWA)	Weeklong Short Course with Exam
	Asset Management Training for Certified Operators

We would like to thank each vendor for your time and efforts in preparing a response to this solicitation.

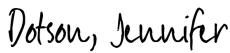
We invite you to contact Jennifer Dotson, Chief Procurement Officer, if you would like to request a post-award vendor debriefing where we can share with you any applicable information about **your response** including significant weaknesses or deficiencies, technical ratings, and overall ranking specific to **your company's response**. This debriefing is a meeting and not a hearing; therefore, legal representation is not required. However, if you prefer to have legal representation present, you must provide notification prior to the scheduled meeting so that we can also have legal representation present. Your request for debriefing must be received within three (3) business days after the issuance of this notice or no later than, Friday, February 12, 2021.

Vendors are reminded that any protests of this decision must be submitted to Jennifer Dotson, Chief Procurement Officer, within seven (7) calendar days after the issuance of this notice or no later than Tuesday, February 16, 2021. The protest must be received in writing by U.S. mail or delivery, identify the name and address of the protestor, provide appropriate identification of the procurement and resulting contract number (if known), and detail the nature of the protest, including available supporting exhibits, evidence, or documents to substantiate any claims.

The successful vendor is instructed not to begin work, purchase materials, or enter subcontracts relating to the project or services until execution of the contract.

We appreciate your interest in doing business with the State of Mississippi.

Sincerely,

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